

## **WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter January 10, 2021**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

### **Programs**

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

CBSN New York, 24/7 direct-to-consumer services that stream anchored news coverage and live breaking news events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations that include topics such as, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and Tunnel to Towers.

**Health:** Topics in this category include mainly COVID-19 outbreak and the rolling out of new vaccines.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 11/12 CBS 2's Natalie Duddridge reports about the overall exhaustion that many are feeling with all the COVID guidelines, especially mask fatigue. As we enter the second wave, health officials say masks are more important than ever, but people are also more tired than ever of wearing tight cloth over their faces. Health experts say though we want our pre-COVID lives back and we want to celebrate the upcoming holidays, we need to show as much commitment to protecting ourselves and others as we did when the pandemic first hit. 12/12 CBS2's Nick Caloway reports that women are particularly wary about the new vaccine. A new Reuters/Ipsos poll found American women are warier than men of the new COVID-19 vaccines. The poll shows 35% of women are not interested in getting the vaccine, which is particularly alarming because women tend to make most of the health care decisions for their families. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM** 11/18 CBS2's Jenna DeAngelis tells us that as COVID cases continue to rise, Mayor Bill de Blasio is encouraging more people to get tested, but many people expressed concerns with long lines at testing sites. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY AT 11PM:** 11/10 CBS2's Nick Caloway reports that New Jersey recorded its highest number since late April, when the pandemic was first out of control. The state reported 3,877 new cases, the highest daily total since April 24<sup>th</sup> and just 500 cases shy of the first peak, back on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Government and Politics:** Topics in this category include: COVID guidelines and rolling out vaccines and NYCHA residents living without gas.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM** 11/16 CBS2's Hazel Sanchez tells us that residents living in New York City Housing Authority brownstones on the Upper West Side are going on their fifth week without gas. They say the agency hasn't given them a timeline for when the repairs will be done. NYCHA shut off the gas on October 18<sup>th</sup> when tenants complained of smelling gas. After nearly a month, NYCHA sent an outside vendor to survey the potential repairs. 11/16 CBS2's Meg Baker reports that it's a green light for small amounts of marijuana after New Jersey voters approved a ballot question. The State Senate voted to allow people to hold up to six ounces of pot without facing any penalty as the state awaits full legalization in January. The measure has been held in the Assembly, which does not yet have consensus on the legislation. So decriminalization is now in a holding period until the Assembly passes the measure. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM** CBS2's Marcia Kramer tells us that with the coronavirus pandemic rage soaring in New York and all surrounding states, Governor Andrew Cuomo ordered in restrictions, including on indoor dining, and threatened an even stronger measure if that doesn't work. All bars and restaurants will be forced to close at 10 p.m. Restaurants can still do takeout and delivery overnight but without alcohol. Gyms must also close at 10 p.m.

**Education:** Topics in this category include: remote learning and in-person learning during COVID.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 11/20 CBS2's Andrea Grymes tells us that it will be at least another month before thousands of city public school students finally get a device for remote learning. At least 60,000 NYC public school students still do not have an iPad or Chromebook, months after the pandemic first started and just days after city public schools went all-remote for the second time this calendar year. The city's Department of Education says 100,000 devices are on order but don't expect them to arrive anytime soon. 11/20 CBS2's Lisa Rozner reports that the sudden switch to remote learning in New York City public schools is a major setback for students with special needs. City stats show more than half were enrolled for in-person learning, likely because they rely on support services that can't be replicated through a screen. 12/7 CBS2's Hazel Sanchez reports about students heading back to classrooms in New York City for in-person learning. They had been shut down since last month, when the city's positivity rate reached 3%. However, those metrics are changing, and so are the rules. After being shut down for nearly three weeks, 850 schools reopened for preschool and elementary school students.

**Consumer:** Topics in this category include: children's footwear and faulty air bag inflators.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 11/6 Chris Wragge tells us about a recall on the Cat and Jack "Himani" and "Jaren" boots sold at Target stores nationwide and online for boys and girls. The boots have an elastic lace with a toggle on top that's supposed to be used to keep out snow, but if it breaks, it becomes a choking hazard. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00PM:** 11/23 CBS2's Maurice DuBois tells us that General Motors is recalling 7 million pickup trucks and SUV's worldwide to replace potentially dangerous air bag inflators.

**Crime:** Topics in this category include: Capturing an on-the-run fugitive, assaults in broad daylight, and a hit-and-run caught on camera.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON** 11/3 CBS2's Jenna DeAngelis tells us that the NYPD is searching for a suspect caught on camera punching a 12-year-old in Brooklyn. Police are calling it an

unprovoked attack. They said the boy was sitting on the curb waiting for a friend when he was attacked, sending him to the hospital. Surveillance video shows the suspect walk behind the boy, bend over and punch him, causing the child to lose consciousness. Police are still looking for the suspect, who just walked off. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 12/5 CBS2's Andrea Grymes reports that a suspect on Massachusetts' most wanted list was shot and killed in the Bronx after he opened fire on U.S. Marshals who were serving a warrant for his arrest. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM** 11/16 CBS2's Carolyn Gusoff tells us that police have captured a fugitive who has been on the run for 10 months and he may be responsible for dozens of break-ins on Long Island and across the country as part of a Chilean crime ring. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 11/5 CBS2's Cory James reports on a hit-and-run in Brooklyn that was caught on camera. On video, a black car is seen speeding down a Brooklyn road near Nicholas Avenue and Etna Street in Cypress Hills. It suddenly starts reversing at full speed, hitting a man walking to his car before quickly taking off. 11/12 CBS2's Ali Bauman tells us that three young women were assaulted in a Queens park in broad daylight and police are now searching for the suspect. They say the three victims called 911 with a few hours of each other and the incidents happened only a few blocks apart. All three say they had just fought off a man trying to sexually assault them. 11/18 CBS2's Christina Fan tells us that police are investigating a wild and dangerous incident in Brooklyn involving a flamethrower. Social media video shows a man standing on the roof of an MTA bus, firing a flamethrower into the air. He also fired the flamethrower into the streets before jumping off. Officers are trying to identify the man in the video. Witnesses say the wild stunt was the grand finale of an all-day music video shoot. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY NIGHT AT 11:00 P.M.** 12/5 CBS2's Kiran Dhillon tells us that an arrest has been made in the shooting death of a mother of four in Jersey City, New Jersey. Hudson County Prosecutor Esther Suarez's office announced late Saturday night the arrest of an East Orange man in the killing of 36-year-old Aieshia McFadden. She was found outside a liquor store with a gunshot wound to the torso on Friday around 8:30 pm. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY NIGHT AT 11:00 P.M.** CBS2's Kiran Dhillon reports that the search is on for the driver of an SUV who struck and killed a bicyclist in Manhattan. The NYPD said the 42-year-old victim was on an e-bike when he was struck. The SUV was heading west on 97<sup>th</sup> Street and the victim was going south on Second Avenue when the two collided at around 4:30 p.m. It is believed that the victim may have been delivering pizza at the time of the crash. He was taken to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. Police said the SUV was found a short time later unoccupied near 96<sup>th</sup> Street and Third Avenue.